

**AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT**

Please substitute the following paragraph(s) for the abstract now appearing in the currently filed specification:

A problem is overcome in that when a signal is input and output in an analog signal format between two blocks for executing digital signal processing, a dynamic range is made improper by the dispersion of errors of the signal levels in a D/A converter and an A/D converter in the blocks.

—A gain is set such that the minimum value within the range of dispersion of errors of the signal level of a D/A converter 12 of a DSP 1 in a former stage is made larger than the maximum value within the range of dispersion of errors of the signal level of an A/D converter 21 in a latter stage. Then, the gain value of a second GCA 13 is set such that the level of a signal S5 is set to a maximum value within the range less than a prescribed value Vdr in a state that a signal having a level treated as a predetermined maximum value in the DSP 1 is input to the first GCA 13. Next, a gain value is set to a second GCA 24 such that the level of the signal S5 is set to a maximum value within the range equal to or less than the prescribed value.